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September 24, 1999

K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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Nashville, TN 37243-0505

**Re: Petition of The Tennessee Small Local Exchange Company Coalition for
Temporary Suspension of 47 U.S.C. §251(b) and 251(c) Pursuant to 47
U.S.C. §251(f) and 47 U.S.C. §253(b)
Docket No. 99-00613**

Dear David:

Enclosed please find an original and thirteen (13) copies of a Petition of Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association (SECCA) for leave to intervene in the above-referenced docket. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$25.00 and a proposed order. Copies have been served on all parties of record.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

Henry Walker

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Enclosure

cc: T.G. Pappas, Esq.

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE: PETITION OF THE TENNESSEE SMALL LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY
COALITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF 47 U.S.C. §251(b) AND
251(c) PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §253(b)

DOCKET. NO. 99-00613

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

PETITION TO INTERVENE

The Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA"), pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 4-5-310, petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") for leave to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding and participate as its interests may appear and in support of its Petition, states as follows:

1. SECCA is an organization of telephone carriers, many of whom are authorized to provided competitive local exchange service in Tennessee. As certified, competitive providers of local exchange service in Tennessee, SECCA's members have legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities and other legal interests that may be affected by and determined in the above-captioned proceeding. Since the petitioners seek to be relieved of their interconnection obligations under federal law, SECCA's members have a legally recognizable interest in this proceeding.

2. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention of Petitioner.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, SECCA prays that it be granted leave to intervene and participate in this proceeding with all attendant rights and responsibilities and to receive copies of any notices, or orders, or any other dockets filed herein, and to have such other, further and general relief as the justice of its causes may entitle it to receive.

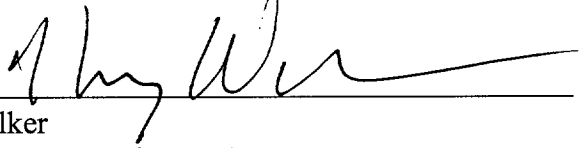
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Dated this 24th day of September, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By: _____


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Henry Walker, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition of The Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association to Intervene on the following this 124th day of September, 1999.

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Nashville, Tennessee

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ORDER

Upon petition of the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") to intervene pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310 in the above-captioned proceeding, the Authority finds that SECCA has a legally recognizable interest in the outcome of the proceeding and that granting the petition will not impair the interests of justice or the prompt and orderly conduct of the proceeding.

The petition to intervene is therefore granted.

It is so ORDERED.

Chairman

Director

Director

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary